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SUBJECT: LET US ALL PRAISE INDIRA, PARTICULARLY ON HER BIRTHDAY  
RQM WE ARE STRUCK BY THE CONTRAST AS WE REVIEW ACCOUNTS OF  
THE LOW KEY 1974 OBSERVANCE OF MRS. GANDHI'S BIRTHDAY WITH  
THIS YEAR'S GLORIANNA TRIBUTES. OFFICIALLY THE PRIME  
MINISTER SPENT A "QUIET BIRTHDAY" IN SIKKIM YESTERDAY ALONG WITH  
MEMBERS OF HER FAMILY. ACTUALLY SIKKIM CHIEF MINISTER DORJI  
AND HIS CABINET COLLEAGUES CALLED AND PRESENTED BOUQUETS.  
GANGTOK WAS ELABORATELY FESTOONED FOR HER ARRIVAL, AND LARGE  
CROWDS APPEARED TO GREET HER ACCORDINGLY TO PRESS ACCOUNTS.  
MEANWHILE IN NEW DELHI PRESIDENT AHMED ADDRESSED AN INVITED  
AUDIENCE AT THE RASHTRAPATI BHAVAN WHERE HE RELEASED FOST  
BIRTHDAY CFEMORATION PUBLICATIONS: A CARTOON BIOGRAPHY,  
A PICTORIAL ALBUM, A COLLECTION OF SPECIAL TRIBUTES, AND A  
SPECIAL NUMBER OF THE ROHTAK, A HARYANA JOURNAL (ALL ASSEMBLED  
WE UNDERSTAND WITH REQUESTS FOR SUBSTANTIAL FINANCIAL CONTRIBU-  
TIOCD AS WELL). THE PRESIDENT SAID THAT MRS. GANDHI'S POPULARITY  
WAS INCREASING EVERY DAY IN SPITE OF THE "CALUMNIES" BY HER  
ENEMIES. THE CONGRESS PARTY ORGANS VIED WITH EACH OTHER IN PRODUCING  
PLEDGES AND OBSERVANCES TO MARK THE DAY WHILE, ACCORDING TO THE  
PRESS, IN MOST STATE CAPITALS CHIEF MINISTERS EXTOLLED MRS.  
GANDHI'S LEADERSHIP AND ACHIEVEMENTS. INFORMATION MINISTER V. C.

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SHUKLA PAID PERHAPS THE MOST FULSOME TRIBUTE, DECLARING, "IT

WOULD NOT BE OUT OF PLACE TO SAY THAT INDIA GANDHI IS ONE OF THE  
GREATEST LEADERS PRESENT TIMES,AND AGAIN, THAT THE FORMATIVE

STAGE OF HER MENTAL DEVELOPMENT WAS WHEN SHE WAS IN HER TEENS."  
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